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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT KHAMA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA.
2. QTE DEAR MR PRESIDENT: THE PRESIDENT INFORMED YOU THAT I WOULD BE IN TOUCH. I WANT TO TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE YOU ABOUT THE RHODESIAN SITUATION.
3. QTE AS I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE, THE SPEECH WHICH IAN SMITH MADE ON JANUARY 24 CAME AS AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE. THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE GENEVA CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, IVOR RICHARD, HAD BEEN DISCUSSING IN AFRICA ENJOYED THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT THE SALISBURY AUTHORITIES AND THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS

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WOULD AGREE TO THE BRITISH PROPOSALS AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. WE, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF TALKS IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED FROM ALL PARTIES IF A SETTLEMENT IS TO BE REACHED.

4. QTE SMITH'S REJECTION OF THE BRITISH PROPOSALS

NOTWITHSTANDING, WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FRAMEWORK

WHICH THE BRITISH HAVE ADVANCED FOR A SETTLEMENT. SMITH'S ATTITUDE HAS PRODUCED A MORE DANGEROUS SITUATION FOR RHODESIA AND ALL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WE REGRET THAT EFFORTS TO REACH A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT HAVE, FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, BEEN REBUFFED.

5. QTE YOU ARE AWARE OF OUR COMMITMENT TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO MAJORITY RULE FOR ZIMBABWE. WE HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT SMITH'S CALL FOR AN INTERNAL SOLUTION ENJOYED NO AMERICAN SUPPORT. WE HAVE ASKED THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO TELL HIM THAT IF A DEADLOCK IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS REACHED, HE MUST EXPECT STIFF AMERICAN OPPOSITION. IN ORDER TO REINFORCE OUR MESSAGE TO SMITH, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL SEEK THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. WE ARE BEGINNING EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS TOWARDS THAT END.

6. QTE ON JANUARY 31 I WILL MEET THE PRESS AND USE THAT OCCASION TO RESTATE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE COURSE WHICH IAN SMITH HAS INDICATED. IT IS IMPORTANT NOW THAT A FULL AND CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION TAKE PLACE. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE

BRITISH. AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR REVIEW, I WOULD WELCOME ANY ADVICE YOU HAVE AND COUNT ON STAYING IN CLOSE COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOU. IN THE DIFFICULT PERIOD  
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AHEAD I HOPE ALL PARTIES WILL ACT IN A MANNER WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A RENEWED SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

7. QTE I AM AWARE OF THE PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES WHICH BOTSWANA FACES. I HAVE LONG ADMIRER YOUR DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RACES. I AM SURE I CAN RELY ON YOUR WISE JUDGMENT AND YOUR SUPPORT AS THE SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE PROBLEM OF ZIMBABWE CONTINUES. AS WE WORK TOGETHER I REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE THE OUTCOME ALL OF US SEEK.  
RESPECTFULLY, CYRUS R. VANCE. UNQTE  
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